MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) :

(*a*) Three main channels with a few tributaries.

(*b*) Two major breaches; and about 2½ acres of paddy lands were silted up thereby.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether the Chief Engineer has received any petition saying that these breaches should be closed ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes.

Culvert near Uzhamalakal Pakuthy Cutcherry.

221. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that the culvert in Arianadu-Nedumangad road near the Uzhamalakal *pakuthy* has been completely damaged in the flood of 1108 M. E. ;

(*b*) why the culvert has not been repaired as yet ;

(*c*) whether money was allotted for the purpose, tender was invited and contract given for its reconstruction a few years back ;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, why the work was not completed; and

(*e*) whether they are aware that the road is closed for cart traffic?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) :

(*a*) A bridge in 6/7 Nedumangad-Shorlacode road was damaged during the heavy rains of Kanni 1109.

(*b*) The work is held up for want of funds.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) This does not arise.

(*e*) Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the answer to part (*e*), may I know the distance of the road that is being closed for cart traffic ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I cannot give the length of the road.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether it will be at least five or six miles ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) ; I do not know, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether that road was not closed since 1101 in the absence of one culvert ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Through wheeled traffic was closed from 1109.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the reason why in all these years that road has been left neglected ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : We have not the funds. There is only maintenance allotment for that road.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether it is not a waste of the public fund when a maintenance allotment is provided for a road that has been left closed for cart traffic since 1101?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No, only wheeled traffic is closed.

Trivandrum Panchayat Court.

222. *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many sittings were there in the Trivandrum Panchayat Court;

(i) during the last six months up to 10-3-1112;
(ii) during Chingam and Kanni 1111;
(iii) during Chingam and Kanni 1112; and

(*b*) how many times the Judges had to return for want of quorum?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) (i) 63.
(ii) 21.
(iii) 13.

(*b*) 38 times during the last six months up to the 10th Tulam 1112.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know the reason why there were only 13 sittings this year while there were 21 sittings in the corresponding month of last year?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe many times the Judges could not meet for want of quorum.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether it was after the bifurcation that the Judges had to return 38 times?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): When did that bifurcation take place?

PRESIDENT: Please repeat the question in a louder voice.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): When did that bifurcation take place?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not remember the exact date. I believe it took place some time towards the end of last year.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know whether the Government enquired into the circumstances which led to the Judges' return so many times for want of quorum?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, not yet.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Is there not a rule insisting on the presence of the judges for a prescribed number of consecutive sittings of the court?

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